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## The Old and New.

"Ring out the old, ring in the new,  
Ring out the false, ring in the true."

And so the old year dies. The old is false, the new is true, and twelve months hence the new will be old and the true false, and the world will ring out then what so gladly it rings in now.

Always hoping, always disappointed, the same time rings down the ages, "Ring out the old, ring in the new."

"Ring out the feud of rich and poor,  
Ring in redress to all mankind."

And in the year to come, the rich will grow richer, and the face of the poor will be ground as before. The strife will go on, the struggle for bread, the mad rush for wealth. The strong will win and the weak be trampled under foot, and might will be right and nothing will succeed like success, and redress must be sought when the old year of life rings out and the new year of the hereafter rings in.

"Ring out the want, the care, the sin,  
The faithless coldness of the times."

But Care will mount behind the new year ere it has made a day's journey in its course and Want will thrust its shrunken visage into many a home, and many formed Sin will flourish as before, and in the coming year the times will be as faithless and as cold as now.

"Ring in the valiant man and free,  
The larger heart, the kinder hand;  
Ring out the darkness of the land,  
Ring in the Christ that is to be."

When this last is true, then will the first be also. When, in that glad new year, the bells ring in the Christ that is to be, then will men be valiant and the world be free—free from the false, from sin, and care and want. Then will the heart be large and the hand kind. Then will vanish the darkness that enshrouds the world, and the bells ring in the everlasting day. So he dreamt, and waking, wondered what the poet meant, and learned that in working, waiting and hoping lay the secret of happiness.

## Crossing the Line.

Nature in many of her moods is deeply impressive. The solemn stillness of the mountains, the rumbling of the earthquake, the awful darkness of an eclipse, are the insignia of her majesty. The rising and the setting of the sun, the motion of the stars, the recurrence of the seasons mark the flight of time. The jesting sailor may laugh at the credulity of the amateur in the tropics, as he looks for the equator in the dark waters of the ocean, yet to the thoughtful a line has been crossed, which tells of an actual change. Behind are the friends of the past, the business, the homes, the religion, the world; before is a new life, new lands, new experiences. The northern star is lost to view, the southern cross is now his guide.

So, as the bells tell the hour of midnight, ringing out the old, ringing in the new, thoughts of the past and thoughts of the future mingle with the bustle and activity of the present. We are just crossing the line. Behind is the past, with its hopes and fears, with its joys and its sorrows, its successes and its failures; beyond is the new land, the land of promise or the desert of despair. The book of life lies open before us, whose leaves time is persistently turning. To-morrow you shall look upon another page, to be dazzled by its beauty or perchance to turn back with affright. So the ringing of the bells will bring to mind many a hope and many a fear, much of doubt, anxiety and care; perchance to some they will seem a solemn thanksgiving for perils past, and blessings raining. The cynic may sneer, the lazy may snore, the seeker after pleasure may sigh; the pulse-beat of nature is regular and true; so much of life, then the stillness of death; the path of glory leads but to the grave. Yet the dying of the year brings gladness also to the humble worker in the vineyard of the Lord. When through cloud, storm and tempest, the good ship nears her destined harbor, the decks are cleared, the sails furled and the pennon given to the breeze, to betoken the joy at her safe return. The merchant ship is full of blessings; beneath her hold are

stored the good things of earth, every plank is staunch and true. Many will look back to a year of good work accomplished, noble vows kept sacred, great responsibilities borne. Is it not an hour of triumph, of gladness, of joy? Before stretches the future, with its grander hopes, greater opportunities, nobler aims. To such the bells toll no solemn requiem; but a high, swelling note of praise.

The future, what shall it be? Shall we carry out into the new life the malice, the selfishness, the robbery of the privateer, or the noble work of the merchantman? Shall the decks be cleared for new deeds of kindness, or for the destruction of our fellow-men?

Be not afraid of good resolutions. They are the legal tender of the heavenly land, exchangeable at the wish of the daring heart for the coin of good deeds, whose value moth and rust cannot corrupt. It is well that the road to hell is paved with good intentions, also had the feet of its unhappy victims sunk deeper in the mire. As we wish each other a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year, let each do what he can to sow the seeds of kindness, knowing that as we sow so also shall we reap. They that sow malice, enmity, hatred and all uncharitableness, shall reap of the same bad fruit; but the fruit of the righteous shall endure. Which shall it be?

We are just crossing the line.

We called attention several weeks ago to some of the evil results of the publication of proceedings before coroners' juries in homicide cases. Since then the inquest in relation to the shooting of Gethings, at South Orange, has been begun, and each day the newspapers have published full reports of the testimony produced, and also of the various theories upon which the officials are acting. Could any plan be devised more likely to defeat the ends of justice than the one pursued in this matter? What individual seeking evidence for use in a law suit would publish day by day the facts he had discovered and grounds upon which he based his action? There is nothing in the statute which directs that coroners' inquests shall be public. They are not trials which the law requires to be conducted in open court, and we suppose it is entirely within the discretion of the coroner or the prosecutor of the pleas to exclude the public and forbid the publication of the testimony. In Gethings' case the only question for the coroner's jury to determine is whether the deceased shot himself or was shot by some person to them unknown, and it then becomes the business of the law officers of the county to discover and arrest the guilty party.

The methods resorted to by Mr. Hurbert O. Thompson to prevent the appointment of his successor, as Commissioner of Public Works, in the city of New York, illustrates the degraded condition of local politics in that city. Mayor Edson nominated General Fitz John Porter to the position, but Thompson succeeded in having the nomination laid upon the table. On Tuesday Thompson became alarmed lest the Mayor might withdraw Porter's name, and send in that of some gentleman whom the aldermen would confirm, so application was made to his friend, Judge Andrews, who was elected to the Supreme Court last November, for an injunction restraining the Board from performing any business whatever, and this extraordinary order was granted and the aldermen could do nothing. It looks as if Thompson had all steam on and was sitting on the safety valve.

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Leave Glen Ridge—6.06, 7.17, 7.57, 8.30, 9.17, 10.37, 11.37 a.m. 12.54, 1.43, 3.32, 4.47, 5.27, 6.13, 7.00, 8.18, 9.43, 11.08 p.m. 12.33 a.m.

Leave Bloomfield—6.08, 7.19, 7.59, 8.32\*, 9.19, 10.39, 11.39 a.m. 12.56, 1.45, 3.35, 4.49, 5.29, 6.15, 7.05, 8.20, 9.45, 11.10 p.m. 12.35 a.m.

Arrive Newark—6.27, 7.30, 8.10, 9.30, 10.50, 11.50 a.m. 1.08, 1.58, 3.47, 4.00, 5.40, 6.38, 7.26, 8.37, 10.08, 11.22 p.m. 12.41 a.m.

Arrive New York—6.50, 8.00, 8.40, 9.10, 10.00, 11.20 a.m. 12.20, 1.10, 2.30, 4.20, 5.30, 6.10, 7.10, 7.55, 9.10, 10.40, 11.55 p.m.

## FROM NEW YORK.

Leave New York—6.30, 7.20, 8.10, 9.10, 10.30, 11.20 a.m. 12.40, 2.10, 3.40, 4.20\*, 4.50, 5.30, 6.20, 7.10, 8.30, 10.00, 11.15 p.m.

Leave Newark—6.10, 7.15, 7.55, 8.43, 10.03, 11.03, 11.53 a.m. 1.11, 2.44, 4.13, 5.26, 6.03, 6.53, 7.45, 9.03, 10.38, 11.53 p.m.

Arrive Bloomfield—6.31, 7.26, 8.09, 8.55, 10.15, 11.15 a.m. 12.05, 1.21, 2.55, 4.24, 5.04, 5.57, 6.15, 7.05, 8.00, 9.14, 10.50 p.m. 12.04 a.m. Arrive at Glen Ridge 2 minutes later.

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Leave Montclair—6.32, 7.02, 7.55, 8.43, 10.52 a.m. 1.34, 2.47, 4.50, 5.11, 10.03 p.m.

Leave Bloomfield—6.38, 7.06, 7.59, 8.48, 10.56, a.m. 1.40, 3.51, 4.54, 5.14, 10.08 p.m.

Arrive New York—6.57, 7.30, 8.40, 9.30, 11.40 a.m. 2.25, 4.40, 5.40, 7.55, 10.55 p.m.

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Arrive Bloomfield—6.49, 9.21, 12.43 a.m. 4.19, 5.23, 6.20, 7.05, 8.29, 12.47 p.m.

Arrive Montclair—7.02, 9.25, 12.49 a.m. 4.24, 5.29, 6.26, 7.11, 8.46, 12.52 p.m.

Arrive Upper Montclair—7.06, 9.29, 12.53 a.m. 4.28, 5.33, 6.31, 7